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For: ANODE MATERIAL FOR SECONDARY BATTERY, ANODE FOR SECONDARY BATTERY AND SECONDARY BATTERY THEREWITH

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication (Office Action dated February 2, 2011, issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-516638) citing such documents, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japan Patent Office.

Applicant notes that references JP 09-245771, JP 09-283180, JP 08-264178, JP 2002-260637, JP 2003-017040, and JP 2004-273443, also listed in the enclosed Communication from the Japan Patent Office, were previously submitted as part of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 23, 2006, and therefore these references are not submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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